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1. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria ordered Ernst FISCHER, a member of the Committee and of the Politburo of the Party, to organize a new anti-TITO Austrian-Yugoslav society. This directive was given FISCHER on 8 December 1949.
2. The Communist members of the first Austrian-Yugoslav society seceded from the organization when it refused to oppose TITO. The primary purpose of the new organization is allegedly the undermining of economic relations between Yugoslavia and Austria.

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Comments:

Austrian newspapers report that the VIENNA office of the Austrian-Yugoslav Society, located in the Soviet sector, was closed by the Soviets. Press reports also state that a motion that the society disband was presented by FISCHER at a meeting held in early December. The motion was defeated and the society resolved to continue activities and to transfer its office to the Western Sectors of VIENNA. This information makes it appear possible that FISCHER received orders from the Central Committee to found a new society.

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